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Subject: Letter of Support for the L-31N Seepage Management Pilot Project (L-31N SMPP) Final Integrated Pilot Project Design Report Environmental Assessment (PPDREA), dated June 2009

Dear Colonel Pantano:

The purpose of this letter is to express the South Florida Water Management District's support for the Final Integrated Pilot Project Design Report Environmental Assessment (PPDREA) for the L-31N Seepage Management Pilot Project (L-31N SMPP), dated June 2009. The pilot project will investigate technologies to manage seepage along the L-30 and L-31N canals. The pilot project is to be constructed along a portion of the "triangle area" of L-30, which is the 1.25 mile segment of the L-30 levee between S-335 and S-336.

The L-31N SMPP is one of four pilot projects conditionally authorized for implementation in Section 601(b)(2)(B) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. This project is currently listed on the Integrated Delivery Schedule for a construction start in 2009. We are pleased to have completed the PPDREA phase of the project and look forward to project implementation.

This letter, while not legally binding on the South Florida Water Management District, voices our support for the Final Integrated Pilot Project Design Report Environmental Assessment for the L-31N Seepage Management Pilot Project.

The South Florida Water Management District is proud to share a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on this vital pilot project.

Sincerely,

Carol Wehle
Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District